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Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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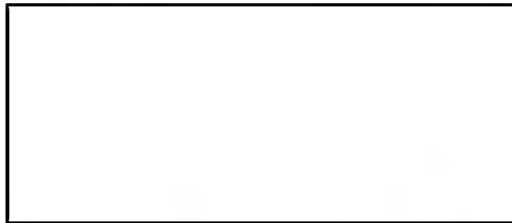
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21 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Resignation Statement

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1. After some eight years of service, and with mixed feelings of regret and anticipation, I herewith submit my resignation from the Central Intelligence Agency, to be effective Friday, 21 August 1959. Perhaps, at this decisive moment for me, I may be allowed to set forth a personal impression or two.

2. The decision to separate from an organization, whose importance to the interests of the United States and the democratic way of life I view as second to none, has not been made lightly or hastily. I shall miss deeply the feeling of dedication, of high purpose, of direct personal participation in this challenging and truly patriotic effort. My association has been replete with satisfactions which I now forsake with considerable reluctance and only after genuine soul-searching. I can only hope that my return to the academic fold will be as fraught with social and personal reward.

3. May I note, in passing, that I have been particularly impressed and prideful over the years with the generally superior quality of personnel employed by the Agency. It is primarily this factor, I believe, that accounts for the high degree of resourcefulness, flexibility, and fine esprit de corps with which most aspects of our mission have been carried out. The active encouragement of individual initiative and imagination, coupled with a minimum of "bureaucracy," are notable and much-valued attributes in Federal Washington.

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4. Therefore, it is presumptively (though sincerely) hoped that Agency administrative and personnel policies will continue to reflect the "whole man" approach, applying the best intellectual (and, if you will, spiritual) assets available, at the same time avoiding excessive division of labor, over-specialization, and administrative over-control. Our Agency has come of age largely, I think, because, while acknowledging the need for sound organization and management, we have also recognized the critical importance of applying fluid, socially-sensitive and wide-ranging minds at all levels to the ever-dynamic tasks of intelligence.

5. These years have had an inestimable impact upon me. As I assume my new responsibilities [REDACTED] [REDACTED] this modest fund of excellent government experience ought to enable me to teach more knowledgeably, to undertake more objective and meaningful research, and more wisely to bear both the responsibilities and the privileges of citizenship.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

General Cabell has read the attached memo from [ ] and feels that you would want to send a complimentary "Thank you," which we have drafted for your approval.

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